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Unique Identification Authority of India
(Authentication and Verification Division)

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Circular No. 08 of 2023

Subject: Accepting Aadhaar as a proof of Date of Birth (DoB) — regarding.

It has been observed that AUAs/KUAs are considering and accepting Aadhaar card / e-Aadhaar as one of the acceptable documents for proof of Date of Birth (DoB).

2. In this regard, it is pertinent to mention that, Aadhaar is a unique 12 digit ID issued to a resident after he/she undergoes the enrolment process by submitting his/her demographic and biometric information. Once a resident is assigned an Aadhaar number, it can be used to authenticate the resident through various modes as prescribed under Aadhaar Act, 2016 and Regulations framed there under.

3. At the time of enrolment/update, UIDAI records DoB as claimed by the resident, on the basis of the documents submitted by them, as specified under the list of supporting documents for Aadhaar enrolment, provided on the UIDAI website (https://uidai.gov.in/images/commndoc/26_JAN_2023_Aadhaar_List_of_documents_English.pdf). Further, it is to be noted that Regulations 10(4) and 19A of the Aadhaar (Enrolment and Update) Regulations, 2016, mention that verification of the enrolment and update data shall be performed as provided in Schedule III.

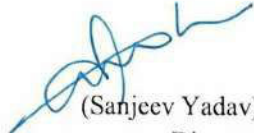
4. In this regard, attention is drawn towards Office Memorandum dated 20.12.2018 issued by MeitY through UIDAI, wherein it has been stated that *"An Aadhaar number can be used for establishing identity of an individual subject to authentication and thereby, per se its not a proof of date of birth"* (copy enclosed).

5. This aspect of the Aadhaar Act, 2016 has been reiterated/highlighted/stressed upon by different High Courts in recent judgments. The most recent one is given by the Hon'ble High Court of Bombay, in the case of *State of Maharashtra V/s Unique Identification Authority of India And Ors.* dated 28.07.2023 (copy enclosed).

6. In view of the above, it is required that use of Aadhaar, as a proof of DoB needs to be deleted from the list of acceptable documents.

7. This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.

Encl.: As above.


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